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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING, THURSDAY, AUGUST 28

FOR AMBASSADOR ANDERSON FROM S/PRS (FUNSETH)
NO. 30

FOLLOWING ARE RESPONSES BY ACTING SPOKESMAN FUNSETH TO
QUESTIONS AT THE DAILY BRIEFING:

1. PORTUGUESE REQUEST FOR HELP IN ANGOLA EVACUATION --
LAST NIGHT PRESIDENT FORD RECEIVED A LETTER FROM COSTA
GOMES FORMALLY REQUESTING U.S. ASSISTANCE IN PORTUGAL
EVACUATION EFFORT. WE HAVE GIVEN NO FORMAL REPLY. WE DO
NOT KNOW OF A DELAY; WE BEGAN PLANNING WHEN WE RECEIVED
REQUEST. ACTION WILL BE TAKEN URGENTLY AND EXPEDITIOUSLY
BUT WE DON'T KNOW TIME FRAME. WE HAVE NO DETAILS ON FUND-
ING AND LOGISTICS.

2. BOMB ATTACK ON BAHAMIAN SHIP IN MIAMI --BEING
INVESTIGATED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES IN THE MIAMI
AREA WHO HAVE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY. WE DO NOT KNOW WHO
IS RESPONSIBLE FOR BOMBING OR KNOW POSITIVELY THAT INCIDENT
IS RELATED TO THE SPINY LOBSTER PROBLEM. U.S. LAWS WILL
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BE ENFORCED. WORLD COURT CONSIDERATION OF SPINY LOBSTER

PROBLEM WOULD REQUIRE CONSENT OF BOTH PARTIES, BUT WE
WOULD BE PREPARED TO GO TO COURT IMMEDIATELY. BAHAMIANS

HAVE SAID FISHERMEN CAN RETURN FOR THEIR LOBSTER POTS.

3. REPORT IN ISRAELI PRESS U.S. WOULD BOYCOTT UNGA
IF ISRAEL WERE SUSPENDED -- OUR POSITION ON OPPOSING ANY
EXPULSION OF ISRAEL VERY CLEAR. WE HAVE NOT STATED WHAT
WE WOULD DO IF THAT HAPPENED.

4. "SIGNING" CEREMONY FOR INTERIM AGREEMENT -- WE HAVE NO
DETAILS.

5. 1500 SOVIET ADVISERS IN LAOS -- WE HAVE SEEN THE PRESS
REPORTS BUT HAVE NO CONFIRMATION.

6. REQUEST FOR HELP IN TIMOR -- WE HAVE NOT BEEN APPROACHED
FORMALLY OR INFORMALLY BY THE PORTUGUESE.

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